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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On October 2, 2009, the International Olympic
3 Committee (IOC) will select the host city for the Games of the
4 XXXI Olympiad, commonly known as the 2016 Summer Olympic Games;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Chicago 2016 Committee, working in
7 cooperation with the United States Olympic Committee, has
8 submitted a bid to host the 2016 Games; and

9 WHEREAS, On June 4, 2008, the International Olympic
10 Committee placed the Chicago 2016 bid on its short list of four
11 finalist Candidate Cities for the 2016 Games; and

12 WHEREAS, Although the International Olympic Committee has
13 accepted Chicago's desire to be admitted to the rank of
14 Candidate Cities, the IOC has at the same time called attention
15 to what their permanent staff considers to be room for
16 improvements in Chicago's bid, as measured on a variety of
17 metrics; and

18 WHEREAS, These metrics include Chicago's highway and
19 public transportation resources, and the city's overall
20 infrastructure; and

1 WHEREAS, As a result of this showing, on the International
2 Olympic Committee's overall numerical ranking, Chicago, on
3 June 4, 2008, scored below two other cities also chosen as
4 Candidate Cities for the 2016 Games, Madrid and Tokyo; and

5 WHEREAS, Only twenty-two cities around the world have been
6 chosen to host a Summer Olympic Games, of which only three,
7 Atlanta, Los Angeles, and St. Louis, have been cities located
8 within the United States of America; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Olympic Committee, and the
10 separate United States Olympics teams, have entrusted their
11 chance to see the Summer Olympic Games in North America in 2016
12 to the City of Chicago and the people of Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Hosting the 2016 Summer Olympics would allow
14 Chicago to display itself to the world as a multi-ethnic city
15 and a model for the future direction of all of the peaceful
16 people of Earth; the direct economic benefits, indirect
17 economic benefits, and prestige bestowed by the honor of
18 hosting the Games of the XXXI Olympiad are literally
19 incalculable; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 the House of Representatives congratulates the Chicago 2016

1 Committee upon the selection of Chicago as a Candidate City for
2 the Games of the XXXI Olympiad; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Illinois House of Representatives
4 expresses its gratitude to the United States Olympic Committee
5 for its support of Chicago's candidacy; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Illinois House of Representatives
7 declares its support for the Chicago 2016 effort and stands
8 ready to take whatever actions seem appropriate to assist that
9 Chicago 2016 Committee as they prepare their Candidature File
10 for the International Olympic Committee, which is due on
11 February 12, 2009; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the people of Chicago and the State of
13 Illinois should cooperate on a nonpartisan basis to deploy the
14 resources necessary to meet the requirements requested by the
15 International Olympic Committee and assure the world that these
16 Games of the XXXI Olympiad will be successfully hosted by
17 Chicago; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That this resource deployment will require the
19 enactment by Illinois of a comprehensive capital bill, which
20 will provide billions of dollars for essential needs in the
21 areas of roads, public transportation, and airports by
22 fulfilling the promises within the bid application; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this preamble and
3 resolution be presented to Governor Rod Blagojevich, Chicago
4 Mayor Richard M. Daley, and Patrick G. Ryan, Chairman and CEO
5 of the Chicago 2016 Committee.